

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10 and 11 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3, 4 and 7-9 have been objected to. Claims 12-20 are allowed.

Claims 1 - 6 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,551,912 of Marks et al. ("Marks").

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Marks. The Examiner has stated that

Re claims 1 and 6, Marks et al. teaches a plurality of detachable limbs that upon detachment of one or more specified limbs, the connector interface frame accommodates a particular one of a plurality of host processing system connector interfaces (abstract and FIG. 2-4). The Examiner notes that the "connector interface frame" can be read as lead frame and the claimed "detachable limbs" can be read as leads on the lead frame, as it is well known to detach leads from a lead frame to assemble electrical components/semiconductors devices, and that such devices are formed to accommodate the desired host processing system connector/interface. Re claims 5 and 10, perforations are well known and conventional in the art to make snapping/breaking of pieces easier/more accurate. Re claim 11, it is well known and conventional to perform computer/machine/automatic detachment (at production/processing) as opposed to by hand, which is slower and less precise/accurate.

(p. 3, Office Action 1/13/05)

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that amended claim 1 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Marks. Amended claim 1 includes the limitations

An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of limbs attached to a connector interface frame of a memory card adaptor, the limbs detachable, such that upon the detachment of one or more specified limbs, the connector interface frame accommodates a particular one of a plurality of host processing system connector interfaces.

(Amended claim 1) (emphasis added).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the limbs are attached to a “connector interface frame of a memory card adaptor” and not a lead frame of a semiconductor device, proffered as a possible interpretation by the Examiner.

Marks does not disclose or suggest such a connector interface frame, and therefore applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not rendered obvious by Marks.

Moreover, Marks does not disclose detaching one or more specified leads connected to the lead frame, rather, the lead frame of Marks is constructed so that all of the leads are detached to accommodate the particular semiconductor device. That is, in Marks, no leads connected to the lead frame are specified.

For this further reason applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not rendered obvious by Marks. Given that claims 2 – 5 are dependent from claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 -5 are, likewise, not rendered obvious by Marks.

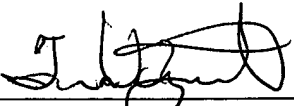
Further, claim 6 has been amended in like fashion to clarify that it is a connector interface frame of a memory card adaptor that is produced having a plurality of detachable limbs. For this reason applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 6 is not rendered obvious by Marks. Given that claims 7 – 11 are dependent from claim 6, applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 – 11 are, likewise, not rendered obvious by Marks.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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